

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 545

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rick Herron, 2009
Valedictorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rick Herron is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Herron has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities at Dresden High School, including the Spanish Club and the Beta Club, of which he has been a member every year of his high school career; and

WHEREAS, for his exceptional academic performance, Rick Herron was named a National Merit Finalist, and he has received a number of other accolades as well; a leader among his peers at Dresden, Mr. Herron was elected Vice-President of his senior class and served as Captain of the school's cross country team; and

WHEREAS, his admirable record as a high school student aside, Rick Herron has contributed a significant amount of his time and energy to community service, focusing especially on environmental education; for example, Mr. Herron designed and completed an Eagle Scout project entitled "Being Green and Saving Green in Weakley County"; and

WHEREAS, trained by former Vice-President Al Gore as a Representative of The Climate Project, Rick Herron has given numerous presentations on climate change to local schools and organizations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his environmental work, Rick Herron has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, a number of youth mission trips sponsored by his church, and tornado cleanup efforts; in an exercise combining academic acumen, leadership skills, and community spirit, Mr. Herron led study groups for his fellow students as they prepared to take the PSAT and ACT examinations; and

WHEREAS, Rick Herron's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his continued success as a student at Yale University this fall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Senator Roy Herron and Nancy Herron, his brothers, Ben and John Herron, his grandparents, Mary Herron and the late Grooms Herron, and Fran Miller and the late Lucian J. Miller, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Dresden High School Valedictorian, Rick Herron, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.